tions in Bihar

856. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail reservation stations in Bihar which have not been computerised; and

(b) by when these stations are likely to be computerised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) 153 stations.

(b) Provision of computerised passenger reservation facilities is an on-going process and these facilities are provided at stations as per norms, subject to the availability of funds. The reservation workload at all these stations except one i.e. Raxaul is much less than the criterion of reservation related transaction per day and does not justify provision of these facilities at present. Provision of these facilities at Raxaul is under active consideration for the Annual Plan 1997-98.

Borrowings by Konkan Railway Corporation

857. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total borrowings by the Konkan Railway Corporation by way of loans from banks and issue of bonds etc. till date;

(b) the annual interest payable by the Corporation;

(c) the reason for the inordinate delay in completion of the project inspite of repeated announcements about the completion of the project;

(d) whether Government have ordered any enquiry as to the causes for the delay and to fix the responsibility; and

(e) whether Government will consider appointing an expert committee to go into the causes for the dealy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Rs. 2345 crs.

(b) Rs. 220 crs.

(c) The work has been delayed by unforseen geological conditions in softsoil tunnels in Goa area and shortage of funds.

(d) These delays are not due to any lapse on the part of anybody.

(e) Does not arise.

सरयू एक्सप्रैस का ठहराव

858. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) फैजाबाद और इलाहाबाद के बीच रोज चलने वाली सरयू एक्सप्रैस का ठहराव निर्धारित करने का मानदण्ड क्या है;

(ख) क्या इस रेलगाड़ी का ठहराव खजुरहट में है पर कूरेभार में नहीं है, जबकि कूरेभार से इलाहाबाद जाने वाली दैनिक यात्रियों की संख्या अपेक्षाकृत अधिक है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो दैनिक यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिए कूरेभार में उपरोक्त रेलगाड़ी का ठहराव कब से प्रारंभ हो जाएगा?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) से (ग) कूरेभार सहित प्रमुख मध्यवर्ती स्टेशनों पर यातायात की मात्रा के आधार पर सरयू एक्सप्रैस को ठहराव देने की आवश्यकता की समीक्षा की जा रही है और इस पर औचित्यपूर्ण कार्रवाई की जाएगी।

Uniforms for railway employees

859. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the railway services which are eligible for uniforms;